Rice. Lane. Robinson. LeMaster. Rowland. Looney. Simpson. McBride. Stell. Martin. Stevens. Mathes. Stewart of Jasper. Merritt. Moore. Stewart of Reeves. Stroder. Morgan of Robertson. Wallace. Westbrook. Perdue.

# Present-Not Voting.

Mr. Speaker. Bryant. Faubion. Patman. Quinn. Wessels. Wilmans.

#### Absent.

Hendricks. Baker of Milam. Blount. Johnson. Lusk. Carpenter McDonald. of Dallas. Carson. McKean. Carter of Hays. Melson. Pool. Collins. Price. Culp. Dinkle. Quaid. Rountree. Downs. Gipson. Shearer. Green. Sparkman. Hardin Stewart of Kaufman. of Edwards. Strickland. Henderson of McLennan. Turner.

#### Absent—Excused.

Baldwin. Lamb. Bobbitt. LeStourgeon. Bonham. Lewis. Carter of Coke. Merriman. Dielmann. Miller. Frnka. Montgomery. Hughes. Pope. Jones. Wells. Laird. Winfree.

#### Paired.

Mr. Young (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Irwin (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Jacks moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

## ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Lackey, the House, at 2:30 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

#### APPENDIX.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following committees have filed favorable reports today on bills as follows:

Appropriations: House bill No. 6. Revenue and Taxation: House bill No. 14.

The following committee has filed an unfavorable report on bill as follows:

Revenue and Taxation: House bill No. 21.

#### FOURTH DAY.

# (Thursday, April 19, 1923.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Seagler.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Abney. Amsler. Durham. Edwards. Arnold. Atkinson. Faubion. Avis. Fields. Baker of Milam. Finlay. Baker of Orange. Gipson. Barker. Greer. Barrett. Hardin of Erath. Beasley. Hardin of Kaufman. Bell. Bird.

Bird. Harrington.
Bryant. Harris.
Burmeister. Henderson
Cable. of McLennan.
Carpenter Hendricks.
of Dallas. Houston.

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Carpenter Howeth.
of Matagorda. Hull.
Carson. Irwin.
Carter of Hays. Jacks.
Chitwood. Jennings.

Coffee. Johnson.
Collins. Kemble.
Covey. Lackey.
Cowen. Laird.
Crawford. Lane.
Culp. LeMaster.
Davenport. Loftin.

Davis. Looney.
DeBerry. McBride.
Dinkle. McDaniel.
Dodd. McDonald.
Downs. McFarlane.

Driggers. McNatt.
Duffey. Martin.
Dunlap. Mathes.

Maxwell. Sanford. Satterwhite. Melson. Shires. Merritt. Simpson. Montgomery. Smith. Moore. Sparkman. Morgan of Liberty. Stell. Stevens. Morgan of Robertson. Stewart of Jasper. Stewart of Reeves. Pate. Patman. Stiernberg. Storey. Patterson. Stroder. Perdue. Sweet. Pinkston. Teer. Pool. Thompson. Potter. Thrasher. Purl. Turner. Quaid. Vaughan. Quinn. Rice. Wallace. Wells. Robinson. Rogers. Westbrook. Rountree. Wessels. Rowland. Williamson. Russell Wilmans.

#### Absent.

Fugler. Lusk.

Sackett.

of Callahan.

Russell of Trinity. Young.

Stewart of Edwards. Strickland.

Wilson.

#### Absent—Excused.

Baldwin. Jones. Blount. Lamb. Bobbitt. LeStourgeon. Bonham. Lewis. Carter of Coke. McKean. Dielmann. Merriman. Frnka. Miller. Green. Pope. Price. Henderson of Marion. Shearer. Winfree. Hughes.

A quorum was announced present. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Green for today, on motion of Mr. Purl.

Mr. McKean for today, on motion of Mr. Carter of Hays.

Mr. Bobbitt for today and the remainder of the week, on motion of Mr. Arnold.

Mr. Pope for today, on motion of Mr. Houston.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of illness:

Mr. Shearer for today, on motion of Mr. Teer.

Mr. Blount for today, on motion of Mr. Dunlap.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important committee work:

Messrs. Laird, Bonham, Baldwin and Henderson of Marion for today, on motion of Mr. Rountree.

#### HOUSE BILL ON FIRST READING.

The following House bill, introduced today, was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee, as follows:

# By Mr. Rogers of Harris:

H. B. No. 37, A bill to be entitled "An Act levying an occupation tax on those selling in intrastate commerce, at retail, cigars, cigarettes, snuff and to-bacco, and providing for the collection of such tax, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue

and Taxation.

# INVITATION TO HON. LUTCHER STARK TO ADDRESS THE LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Westbrook offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 1, Inviting Hon. Lutcher Stark to address the Legislature.

Whereas, The Legislature will soon consider the educational budget, and since it is the desire of both bodies to assist and encourage education in every way possible; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That Hon. H. J. Lutcher Stark, of Orange, Texas, be invited to address the joint session of both houses at such time as he may find it convenient on the subject of "The Educational Institutions of Texas."

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

# TO PROVIDE FOR DEPOSIT ON VOT-ING MACHINE KEY.

Mr. Dinkle offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The House of Representatives has purchased a voting machine that is operated by the use of a key issued to every member; and

Whereas, Some of the members of the

House very frequently lose them, thereby putting the House of Representatives to the expense of having keys made to replace those that are lost; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That each member be required to give a one dollar deposit on every new key issued to him, and in case a new key is made the cost of said key shall be retained, and the balance returned to the member whose key has been replaced. Be it further

Resolved, That in case this key is not returned this money shall be kept in a fund to make new keys.

Signed-Moore, Dinkle.

The resolution was read second time. On motion of Mr. Hardin of Kaufman, the resolution was postponed indefinitely.

#### ENDORSING SPEAKER SEAGLER.

Speaker Seagler stated to the House that it was his intention to enforce the Rules of the House, relating to admission to the floor of the House, unless the Rules were amended or modified by vote of the House.

On motion of Mr. Rountree, the House. by a rising vote, endorsed Speaker Seagler on account of the position he has taken in this matter.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, April 19, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

S. B. No. 18, A bill to be entitled "An Act continuing the work of the State Reclamation Engineer in connection with the defense and prosecution of suits affecting the boundaries of the State of Texas; authorizing the marking of such boundaries, making an emergency appropriation of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully, RICHARD BLALOCK, Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 4, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 98, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas. 1911, by adding thereto Article 6057a, providing that, in addition to other methods provided in said chapter for the removal of officers, they may be removed by quo warranto proceedings brought by the Attorney General upon direction of the Governor; making the provisions of said chapter applicable to proceedings hereunder except where in conflict; providing that the district judge may temporarily suspend an officer against whom the petition is filed and appoint a person to discharge the duties of the office who shall not be required to give bond as provided in Article 6049 of such statutes; providing that the suspended officer shall receive the salary, compensation or fees until final judgment removing him, and that such salary, fees or compensation collected by the temporary officer shall be paid to the suspended officer, and that during appeal from a judgment removing an officer, such salaries, fees and compensation shall not be received by him unless he give a supersedeas bond therefor, and that an appeal shall not suspend the order temporarily removing such officer; providing that the temporary officer shall receive the same salary or compensation provided by law to be paid by the State out of an appropriation to the Governor for the enforcement of the law; fixing jurisdiction and venue of such suits; providing that such officer may not be removed under this act for failure to enforce misdemeanor statutes, excepting laws pertaining to gambling or prostitution, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Hull offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 4 by striking out the following words in lines 5 and 6 and 38 and 39, on page 2, "or any adjoining judicial district."

Signed—Hull, Jacks, Irwin, Carpenter of Dallas.

Mr. Hardin of Kaufman moved that further consideration of the bill be post-poned indefinitely.

Mr. Bonham raised a point of order on consideration of the amendment on the ground that the amendment is not germane to the purpose of the bill.

The Speaker overruled the point of order.

Mr. Bonham offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend House bill No. 4, page 2, lines 5 and 6 and 38 and 39, by striking out the words "or any adjoining judicial district" and insert in line 6 and line 39, after the word "resides," the following: "unless such judicial district lies wholly within one county, in which case such suit may be filed in any county adjoining the judicial district in which such officer resides."

Question—Shall the substitute be adopted?

### RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Lackey, the House, at 12 o'clock m., took recess to 2:30 o'clock p. m. today.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2:30 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

# MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, April 19, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

H. C. R. No. 1, Inviting Hon. H. J. Lutcher Stark to address a joint session of both houses.

Respectfully, RICHARD BLALOCK, Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 4 ON ENGROSS-MENT.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being House bill No. 4, relating to removal of officers, on its passage to engrossment, with amendment by Mr. Hull, and substitute by Mr. Bonham for the amendment, and motion by Mr. Hardin of Kaufman to postpone further consideration of the bill indefinitely, pending.

Mr. Jacks moved the previous question on the pending amendment and the substitute, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the substitute by Mr. Bonham, it was adopted.

Question then recurring on the amendment as substituted, it was adopted.

Mr. Irwin moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Purl offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 4 by adding another section, which shall be known as Section 2a, which shall read as follows:

"No officer shall be removed nor proceedings instituted against him until at least 25 qualified voters residing in his county shall have signed a petition, duly verified, stating that they believe that said officer has been guilty of violating the statutes of the State making him subject to removal, and provided further, that if the charges made in said petition aforementioned are found to be untrue then the signers thereof shall be liable in a civil action for damages to the officer sought to be removed."

Mr. Cable moved the previous question on the pending amendment and the bill, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

# Yeas-30.

Amsler. Loftin. Arnold. Looney. Barker. McDaniel. Beasley. McFarlane. Carpenter Morgan of Dallas. of Liberty. Carson. Morgan Collins. of Robertson. Purl. Dielmann. Dinkle. Rowland. Henderson Smith. of McLennan. Stell. Houston. Stiernberg. Storey. Hull. Irwin. Wessels. Jacks. Williamson. Johnson. Wilson.

#### Nays—83.

Abney. Carpenter Avis. of Matagorda. Baker of Milam. Carter of Hays. Baker of Orange. Chitwood. Coffee. Bell. Bird. Covey. Blount. Cowen. Bonham. Crawford. Bryant. Culp. Burmeister. Davis. Cable. DeBerry.

Pate.

Patman. Dodd. Patterson. Driggers. Duffey. Perdue. Dunlap. Pinkston. Pool. Dunn. Durham. Potter. Edwards. Quaid. Faubion. Quinn. Rice. Fields. Robinson. Finlay. Rogers. Greer. Hardin of Erath. Rountree. Russell Hardin of Callahan. of Kaufman. Harrington. Russell of Trinity. Henderson Sackett. of Marion. Sanford. Howeth. Satterwhite. Jennings. Simpson.

Kemble. Sparkman. Stewart of Jasper. Lackey. Stewart of Reeves. Laird. Stroder. Lane. LeMaster. Sweet. McBride. Teer. Thompson. McDonald. McNatt. Thrasher. Mathes. Turner. Maxwell. Wallace. Melson. Wells. Merritt. Westbrook. Montgomery. Wilmans.

# Absent.

Young.

Martin. Atkinson. Moore. Barrett. Shires. Davenport. Stevens. Downs. Stewart Fugler. of Edwards. Gipson. Strickland. Harris. Vaughan. Hendricks. Lusk.

#### Absent-Excused.

Baldwin. Lewis. McKean. Bobbitt. Carter of Coke. Merriman. Miller. Frnka. Pope. Green. Hughes. Price. Shearer. Jones. Winfree. Lamb. LeStourgeon.

Question then recurring on the motion to postpone indefinitely, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion to postpone indefinitely was lost by the following vote:

# Yeas—28.

Amsler. Carpenter of Dallas. Barker. Carson.

Colling. McDaniel. DeBerry. McFarlane. Dielmann. Morgan of Liberty. Hardin Purl. of Kaufman. Henderson Robinson. of McLennan. Smith. Houston. Stell. Hull. Stiernberg. Irwin. Storey. Jacks. Wessels. Williamson. Johnson. Loftin. Wilson.

# Nays-87.

Looney.

Abney. Avis. Baker of Milam. Baker of Orange. Beasley. Bell. Blount. Bonham. Bryant. Burmeister. Cable. Carpenter of Matagorda. Carter of Hays. Chitwood. Coffee. Covey. Cowen. Crawford. Culp. Davis. Dinkle. Dodd. Downs. Driggers. Duffey. Dunlap. Dunn. Durham. Edwards. Faubion. Fields. Finlay. Gipson. Greer. Hardin of Erath. Harrington. Henderson of Marion. Howeth. Jennings. Kemble.

McBride. McDonald. McNatt. Martin. Mathes. Maxwell. Melson. Merritt. Montgomery. Morgan of Robertson. Pate. Patman. Patterson. Perdue. Pinkston. Pool. Potter. Quaid. Quinn. Rice. Rogers. Rountree. Rowland. Russell of Callahan. Russell of Trinity. Sackett. Sanford. Satterwhite. Simpson. Sparkman. Stewart of Jasper. Stewart of Reeves. Stroder. Sweet. Теет. Thrasher. Turner. Vaughan. Wallace. Wells. Westbrook. Wilmans. Young.

# Absent.

Atkinson. Barrett. Bird.

Lackey.

LeMaster.

Laird.

Lane.

Davenport. Fugler. Harris. Hendricks. Lusk. Moore. Shires.

Stevens.

Stewart of Edwards. Strickland. Thompson.

Absent—Excused.

Baldwin. Bobbitt. Carter of Coke. Frnka. Green. Hughes. Jones. Lamb. LeStourgeon.

Lewis. McKèan. Merriman. Miller. Pope. Price. Shearer. Winfree.

Question next recurring on the engrossment of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

House bill No. 4 was then passed to engrossment by the following vote:

#### Yeas-83.

Abney. Jennings. Avis. Kemble. Baker of Milam. Lackey. Baker of Orange. Laird. Beasley. Lane. Bell. LeMaster. Blount. McBride. Bonham. McDonald. Bryant. McNatt. Burmeister. Mathes. Cable. Maxwell. Carpenter Melson. of Dallas. Merritt. Carpenter Montgomery. of Matagorda. Morgan Carson. of Robertson. Carter of Hays. Pate. Chitwood. Patman. Coffee. Patterson. Covey. Perdue. Cowen. Pinkston. Potter. Crawford. Culp. Quaid. Davis. Quinn. Dinkle. Rice. Dodd. Robinson. Downs. Rogers. Driggers. Rountree. Duffey. Russell Dunlap. of Callahan. Dunn. Russell of Trinity. Durham. Sackett. Edwards. Sanford. Faubion. Satterwhite. Fields. Simpson. Gipson. Smith. Greer. Sparkman. Hardin of Erath. Stevens. Harrington. Stewart of Jasper. Henderson Stewart of Reeves. of Marion. Sweet.

Teer.

Howeth.

Thrasher. Wallace. Wells.

Wilmans. Young.

Nays-33.

Amsler. McDaniel. Arnold. McFarlane. Barker. Morgan Collins. of Liberty. DeBerry. Pool. Dielmann. Purl. Hardin Rowland. of Kaufman. Stell. Harris. Stiernberg. Henderson Storey. of McLennan. Stroder. Houston. Thompson. Hull. Turner. Irwin. Vaughan. Jacks. Wessels. Johnson. Williamson.

Present-Not Voting.

Bird.

Loftin.

Looney.

Finlay.

Wilson.

Absent.

Atkinson. Fugler. Hughes. Lusk. Moore.

Shires. Stewart of Edwards. Strickland.

Absent-Excused.

Bobbitt. McKean. Carter of Coke. Merriman. Frnka. Miller. Green. Pope. Jones. Price. Shearer. Winfree.

Lamb. LeStourgeon. Lewis.

Paired.

Mr. Martin (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Baldwin (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Barrett (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Hendricks (ab-

sent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Westbrook (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Davenport (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mrs. Wilmans moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to engrossment and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

# Reasons for Vote.

I vote for House bill No. 4 because I believe the people of Texas are demanding the enactment of such a law. There has been no lawless condition in the counties of my district that would create a demand for such law, and I do not believe it will ever be necessary to resort to its use in those counties. Although I vote for the bill, I believe it is a departure from the sound principles of democratic government and a doubtful experiment.

COVEY.

I vote for House bill No. 4 believing the majority of the people of my district are in favor of a bill of this character. The officers of my district have always enforced the law, and believe will do so in the future. I seriously doubt the wisdom of enacting into law some of the provisions of the bill.

# INVITING MEMBERS TO VISIT WACO.

HARDIN of Erath.

The Speaker laid before the House and had read the following invitation:

To the Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives:

Having been advised that the Legislature will visit the oil fields of Western Texas within the next few days, the Young Men's Business League of Waco, representing its citizenship, cordially invites the Legislature to include in its itinerary a stop in Waco, either in going or returning from the said oil fields.

We want you as our guests for at least an hour or so that our citizens may have the opportunity to meet you personally, also giving us an opportunity to show you over our city.

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Earnestly hoping that you will do our city the honor to accept this invitation and assuring you that every effort will be made to make your visit a pleasant one.

Very cordially,

Signed—Young Men's Business League of Waco, Tom Shires, R. L. Henderson, Representatives of McLennan county; Edgar E. Witt, Senator of the Eleventh District.

On motion of Mr. Satterwhite, the invitation was accepted.

# ADDRESS BY HON. E. R. COCKRELL.

Mr. Kemble offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Hon. E. R. Cockrell, mayor of Fort Worth, is now on the floor of the House; and

Whereas, He is and has been interested and influential in matters of state; be it

Resolved, That he be invited to address the House for a few minutes.

Signed—Sweet, Kemble, McNatt, Potter, Rountree, Chitwood, Edwards.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

In accordance with the above action the Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee to escort Hon. E. R. Cockrell to the Speaker's stand:

Messrs. McNatt, Sweet, Potter, Kemble and Rountree.

The committee having performed their duty, Speaker Seagler presented Mr. Rountree, who in turn introduced Hon. E. R. Cockrell.

Hon. E. R. Cockrell then addressed the House.

#### INVITATION FROM FORT WORTH.

On motion of Mr. Culp, the House accepted the invitation extended by the mayor of Fort Worth on behalf of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, to take supper in Fort Worth on their trip to the oil fields of West Texas.

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Loftin moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House bill No. 4 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-89.

Crawford.

Mr. Speaker. Abney. Avis. Baker of Milam. Baker of Orange. Barker. Beasley. Bell. Bird. Bonham. Bryant. Cable. Carpenter of Dallas. Carpenter of Matagorda. Carson. Chitwood. Coffee.

Covey.

Cowen.

Culp. DeBerry. Dinkle. Dodd. Downs. Driggers. Duffey. Dunlap. Dunn. Durham. Edwards. Fields. Finlay. Greer. Hardin of Erath. Harrington. Harris. Howeth. Hull.

Irwin.

Jennings. Johnson. Kemble. Lackev. Lane. Loftin. McBride. McDonald. McNatt. Maxwell. Melson. Merritt. Montgomery. Morgan of Robertson. Pate. Patman. Patterson. Perdue. Pinkston. Potter. Purl. Quaid. Quinn. Řice.

Rogers.
Rowland.
Russell
of Callahan.
Russell of Trinity.

Sackett. Sanford. Satterwhite. Shires. Sparkman. Stevens.

Stewart of Jasper. Stewart of Reeves. Storey.

Storey.
Stroder.
Sweet.
Teer.
Thompson.
Thrasher.
Turner.
Wallace.
Westbrook.
Wilmans.
Wilson.
Young.

# Nays—14.

Amsler.
Arnold.
Barrett.
Burmeister.
Collins.
Davis.
Hardin
of Kaufman.

Robinson.

Houston.
Looney.
McDaniel.
Martin.
Morgan
of Liberty.
Stell.
Wessels.

#### Absent.

Atkinson.
Blount.
Carter of Hays.
Davenport.
Dielmann.
Faubion.
Fugler.
Gipson.
Green.
Henderson
of McLennan.
Hendricks.
Jacks.
Lewis.
Lusk.

McFarlane.
Mathes.
Moore.
Pool.
Rountree.
Simpson.
Smith.
Stewart
of Edwards.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.
Vaughan.
Wells.
Williamson.
Winfree.

## Absent—Excused.

Baldwin.
Bobbitt.
Carter of Coke.
Frnka.
Henderson
of Marion.
Hughes.
Jones.
Laird.

Lamb.
LeMaster.
LeStourgeon.
McKean.
Merriman.
Miller.
Pope.
Price.
Shearer.

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 4 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

#### Yeas-75.

LeMaster. Abney. Avis. McBride. Baker of Milam. McDonald. Baker of Orange. McNatt. Beasley. Maxwell. Bell. Melson. Bird. Merritt. Bonham. Montgomery. Morgan of Robertson. Bryant. Burmeister. Pate. Cable. Carpenter Patman. of Matagorda. Patterson. Chitwood. Perdue. Coffee. Pinkston.

Covey. Potter. Cowen. Quaid. Quinn. Řice. Crawford. Culp. Davis. Robinson. Dinkle. Rogers. Dodd. Rountree. Downs. Russell of Callahan. Driggers. Duffey. Russell of Trinity. Dunlap. Sackett.

Dunn. Sanford.
Durham. Satterwhite.
Edwards. Simpson.
Fields. Sparkman.
Greer. Stewart of Jasper.
Hardin of Erath. Stewart of Reeves.
Harrington. Stroder.

Howeth.
Irwin.
Jennings.
Kemble.
Lackey.
Lane.

Sweet.
Thrasher.
Wallace.
Westbrook.
Wilmans.
Young.

# Nays—25.

Amsler. Johnson. Arnold. Loftin. Barker. McDaniel. Carpenter Morgan of Dallas. of Liberty. Carson. Purl. Collins. Rowland. DeBerry. Stell. Storey. Dielmann. Hardin Thompson. of Kaufman. Turner. Harris. Wessels. Houston. Williamson. Hull. Wilson.

Present-Not Voting.

Barrett. Finlay. Martin. Stevens.

#### Absent.

McFarlane. Atkinson. Blount. Mathes. Carter of Hays. Moore. Pool. Davenport. Shires. Faubion. Fugler. Smith. Gipson. Stewart of Edwards. Green. Stiernberg. Henderson of McLennan. Strickland. Hendricks. Teer. Jacks. Vaughan. Wells. Looney. Lusk.

Absent—Excused.

Baldwin. LeStourgeon. Lewis. Bobbitt. Carter of Coke. McKean. Merriman. Frnka. Henderson Miller. of Marion. Pope. Price. Hughes. Jones. Shearer. Winfree. Laird. Lamb.

Mr. Burmeister moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and asked to have the motion to reconsider spread on the Journal.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 11 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 11, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide a more efficient method for the collection of delinquent taxes on land; providing compensation for the county attorney and other officials for service rendered in collecting such taxes; further providing for the employment of a special attorney to assist in collecting such taxes, amending Section 1 of Chapter 147 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirtyfourth Legislature as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 64 of the General Laws passed at the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, amending Section 2 of Chapter 147 of the General Laws of the State of Texas passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature; amending Articles 7688, 7689, 7691, 7692, 7696, 7699; repealing Article 7687 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, and Section 3, Chapter 147, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session judges of said Eleventh Supreme Judiof the Thirty-fourth Legislature as cial District, and other officers thereof;

amended by Section 2, Chapter 64, of the General Laws of the State of Texas passed by the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature; adding to Chapter 13 of Title 126 of the Revised Statutes of Texas of 1911 a new article to be known as Article 7689a, limiting the defenses that may be urged in defense of a suit for delinquent taxes; repealing all laws in conflict with the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Hull offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 11 by striking out in line 13, on page 7, the word "one" and insert in lieu thereof the word "two."

On motion of Mr. Finlay, the amendment was tabled.

Mr. Abney offered amendment to the bill: offered the following

Amend House bill No. 11 by striking out all of Section 5 on page 6.

Question-Shall the amendment be adopted?

### EMPLOYES OF THE HOUSE.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following stenographer: A. R. McTee.

# SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bill, received from the Senate today, was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee, as follows:

Senate bill No. 18, to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Russell of Callahan and Mr. Patterson:

H. B. No. 38, A bill to be entitled "An Act reorganizing the State of Texas into supreme judicial districts for the purpose of constituting and organizing Courts of Civil Appeals therein; creating the Eleventh Supreme Judicial District of Texas, with Eastland as the site of said court; providing for the appointment and qualification of the providing for the transfer of cases and regulating appeals from the lower courts of the counties constituting said Eleventh Supreme Judicial District of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judicial

Districts.

By Mr. Stroder and Mr. Dodd:

H. B. No. 39, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it unlawful to appear in a public or private place in an intoxicated condition, and making it unlawful for public officers and teachers in the public schools to be intoxicated, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal

Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Shires:

H. B. No. 40, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring any corporation or company, any insurance company, casualty company, co-operative life insurance company, life insurance company, fire insurance company, accident insurance company, any life and accident, health and accident, or life, health and accident insurance company, fidelity, guaranty or surety company or company doing a fidelity, guaranty or surety business in this State; any mutual fire, lightning, or storm insurance company, which is required by law to deposit with the State Treasurer or any State officer having his office at Austin, Texas, any money, bonds or securities to deposit with such officer either money or bonds or securities which are taxable in this State, and the situs of such money, bonds or securities for taxation purposes shall be in Travis county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State

Affairs.

# ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Greer moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.
Mr. Wessels moved that the House

The motion of Mr. Greer prevailed, and the House accordingly, at 5:50 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

# APPENDIX.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT.

The following committee has filed favorable reports on bills today as follows:

Liquor Traffic: House bills Nos. 20 and 25.

#### FIFTH DAY.

(Friday, April 20, 1923.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Seagler.

The roll was called and the follow-

ing members were present:

Abney. Amsler. Arnold. Atkinson. Avis. Baker of Milam. Baker of Orange. Barker. Barrett. Beasley. Bell, Bird. Blount. Bonham. Bryant. Burmeister. Cable. Carpenter of Dallas. Carpenter of Matagorda. Carson. Carter of Hays. Chitwood. Coffee. Covey. Cowen. Crawford. Culp. Davis. DeBerry. Dinkle. Dodd. Downs. Driggers. Duffey. Dunlap. Dunn. Durham. Edwards. Fields. Finlay. Gipson. Greer. Hardin of Erath. Hardin of Kaufman. Harrington. Harris. Henderson

of Marion.

of McLennan.

Henderson

Hendricks. Howeth. Irwin. Jacks. Jennings. Kemble. Lackey. Laird. Lamb. Lane. LeMaster. LeStourgeon. Loftin. Looney McBride. McDaniel. McDonald. McNatt. Martin. Mathes. Maxwell. Melson. Merritt. Montgomery. Moore. Morgan of Liberty. Morgan of Robertson. Pate. Patman. Patterson. Perdue. Pinkston. Pool. Pope. Potter. Purl. Quaid. Quinn. Rice. Robinson. Rountree. Rowland. Russell of Callahan. Russell of Trinity. Sackett. Sanford. Satterwhite. Shires. Simpson. Smith.